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Mr. Bruce Turner  
 Chair - East Gorham LSB  
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Dear Mr. Bruce Turner

As you may know, the 2004 Ontario Budget included a commitment to consult on reform of the Provincial Land Tax (PLT), the property tax system used in areas outside municipal boundaries. In keeping with this commitment, this fall the Ministry of Finance will be seeking input on PLT reform from our stakeholders in an effort to develop a system that reflects the diverse needs of communities in northern Ontario.

As part of this process, I write to invite you to participate in a roundtable discussion on PLT. We will be holding sessions at several locations in the north and I encourage you to contact us to register at one of the following:

Location	Municipality	Date
Algoma's Water Tower Inn	Sault Ste Marie	September 30
Holiday Inn	Greater Sudbury	October 1
La Place Rendez-Vous	Fort Frances	October 6
Travelodge	Kenora	October 7
Best Western Motor Inn	Dryden	October 8
Wawa Motor Inn	Michipocoten	October 13
Ramada Inn	Timmins	October 14
Howard Johnson	Kirkland Lake	October 15
Jolly Roger Inn	Parry Sound	October 21
Best Western Hotel	North Bay	October 22
Valhalla Inn	Thunder Bay	October 28

All sessions will begin at **11:00 a.m. and continue to 2:30**, and will include a light lunch.

Please contact Catherine Shepherd, Policy Advisor, Provincial Local Finance Secretariat at telephone number: 416-212-3935, email: [Catherine.Shepherd@fin.gov.on.ca](mailto:Catherine.Shepherd@fin.gov.on.ca) or Cindy Ryder, Policy Analyst at 416-327-0191, email: [Cindy.Ryder@fin.gov.on.ca](mailto:Cindy.Ryder@fin.gov.on.ca) to confirm your attendance at one of the consultation sites. We would ask that you **register for these sessions by September 20, 2004**. If you are unable to attend one of the above sessions, I invite you to send any comments or thoughts you may have on the PLT issue in writing.

We look forward to working with our stakeholders to forge a relationship that fosters strong communities – particularly in the context of the special challenges that face northern Ontario.

Yours sincerely,



Nancy Naylor  
Assistant Deputy Minister